glutathione to form thioether metabolites. This can occur spontaneously or through the action of the glutathione S-transferase enzymes. These transferases are often overexpressed in drug-resistant cells (**Tew, 1994 #1038**). Therefore glutathione conjugation results in chemical inactivation of the drug as well as increased export of the drug from the cell leading to resistance.--

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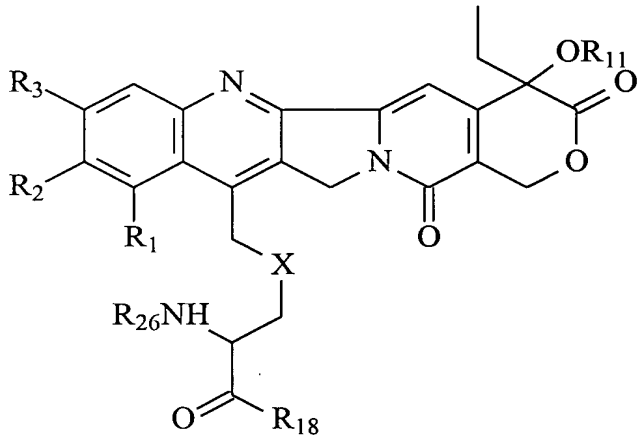
✓ Page 5, third full paragraph

--These and other objects are made possible by the following camptothecin compounds which have combined topoisomerase I inhibiting and DNA-topoisomerase I cleavable complex stabilizing properties, of the formula



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wherein R_1 and R_2, are each independently--

✓ Page 10, lines 5-7, first full paragraph,

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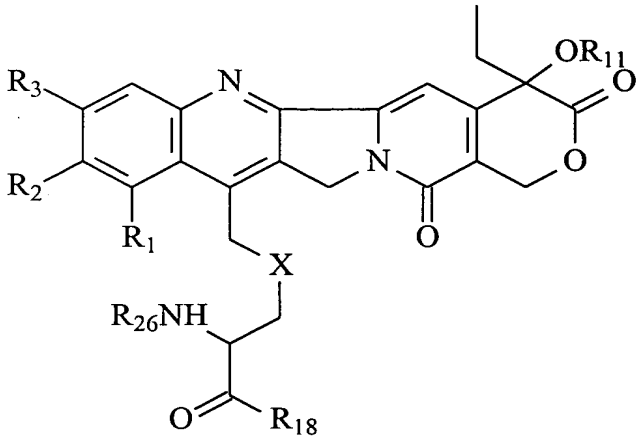
--The present invention is directed to a camptothecin compound



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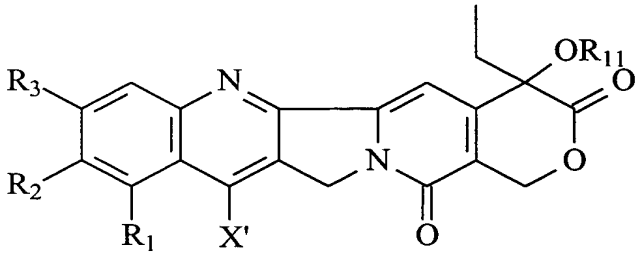
Page 13, lines 7-12, second full paragraph,

Camptothecin compounds which may be used to form the conjugates of the present invention include 20(S)-CPT and derivatives thereof in which the A ring is unsubstituted or there is a substituent at the 9-, 10-, and 11-positions or a combination thereof or the 9- and 10,11-positions. Suitable compounds have the structure shown below:



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Example 14

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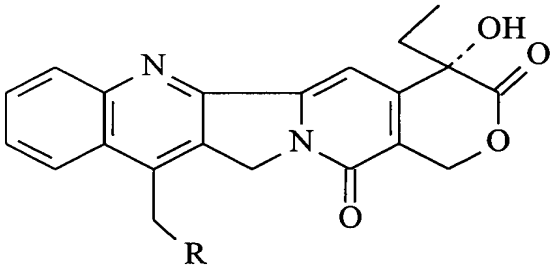

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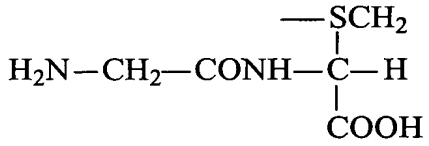

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A compound comprising:

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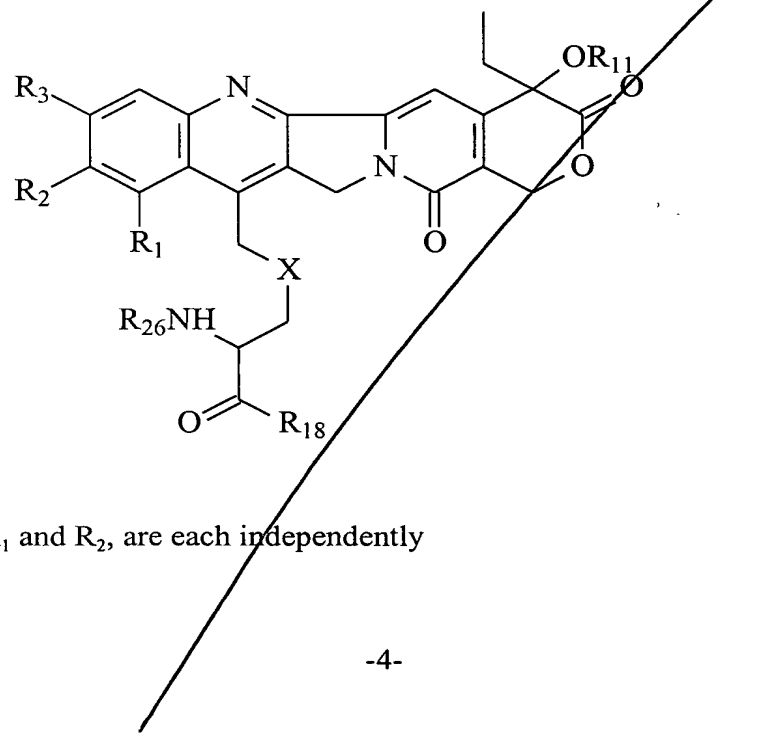

wherein R_1 and R_2, are each independently